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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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WINE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign wine companies are eyeing the huge Indian market when the indigenous industry is still in infancy in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps the Government proposes to take to protect the Indian Industry and push exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) & (b): The Government is not aware of any significant impact of foreign wine companies on the Indian market so far. The steps taken for promotion/protection of Indian Wine Industry and to promote exports by the Government of India include the following:

(i) Appropriate import tariffs are levied on imported wine;

(ii) Plan schemes provide for grant of financial assistance for setting up/modernization of wine units;

(iii) Financial assistance is provided under the Plan schemes of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for quality development, Research and Development and for market development of Indian wine in major international trade fairs.